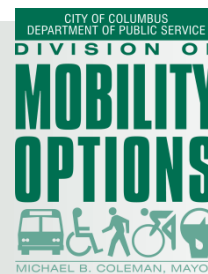


Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission
Bicycle Sub-Committee
109 North Front Street
Ground Floor
August 31, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Attendees:

Members: Brian Moore, Aaron Schill, Betsy Pandora, Tricia Kovacs

Staff: Nick Popa, Chris George, Daniel Moorhead

Guests: David Roseman, Jessica Mathews, Gordon Renkes, Nick Shultz, Brian Hagerty

Members Not in Attendance: Jeff Stephens

The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-Committee (BSC) meeting held on August 31, 2011:

Previous Meeting Notes

- Discussion to add:
 - Stelzer Rd
 - Add that:
 - High volume reason for no bike lanes
 - 40 MPH speed limit is too high for sharrows
 - Clarify reference to bike plan shapefile
 - Dexter Falls
 - Add that bike lanes or sharrows are being considered.
 - Henderson Rd
 - Add why bike lanes are not feasible.
 - I-71 – Elijah Pierce
 - Add that ODOT is unlikely to entertain experimental features

Action Item:

1. *Make changes to meeting notes from 8-3-2011 meeting.*

2011 Resurfacing Update / Bike Plan Preliminary Engineering Report RFP

- Non-Road Diet Projects
 - Sharon Woods Blvd @ State Route 161
 - Public Involvement process nearly complete
 - Majority of comment cards and survey results have been in favor of the bike lanes

- Staff to send results to committee
 - Sharon Woods Civic Association meeting on Sept 1 will complete process
 - After meeting, all information that has been gathered thus far will be presented to Director's office for final decision
- Road has been resurfaced and currently has temporary center line
- Crosswalks markings are being installed now since won't be affected by the potential bike lanes
- Dexter Falls
 - Parking on both sides of streets
 - Currently in process of being repaved
 - To be completed now:
 - Center line striping
 - Proposal
 - Leave existing parking lanes
 - Add edge lines to travel lanes
 - Mark sharrows in the center of travel lanes
 - Lines/hatching in prohibited areas to keep vehicles from using parking lanes as travel lanes
 - Differences from Sharon Woods
 - 4000 ADT compared to SW 8000
 - 25 MPH compared to 35 MPH
 - Street is narrower than Sharon Woods Blvd so that all parking would have to be removed to add bike lanes to both sides.
 - Speed-volume chart in bike plan yields sharrows compared to bike lanes for Sharon Woods
 - Also considered:
 - Mixed Bike Lane – Sharrow Options
 - Do nothing
 - City has previously met with Saddlebrook Civic Association, which is in favor of proposal
 - A public open house is planned for this project
 - Suggestion: remove all striping and add sharrows
- Remainder of Streets
 - King Ave – Grandview Ave to Olentangy River Road
 - Public involvement process under way
 - A presentation for Fifth By Northwest Area Commission is scheduled for next Tuesday (September 6)

- The Grandview Ave Bike Shelter will also be presented at this meeting
- Bike lanes are proposed for King Ave
 - King Ave intersections are not wide enough for bike lanes to be continued through.
 - Sharrows will be used at intersections since speed limit is 35 MPH
 - Some parking will be eliminated, but there is numerous off street parking
- Discussion of what other cities do in similar situations
- 2012 resurfacing list is currently being scrubbed for bike plan matches

Action Items:

2. Staff will send results of Sharon Woods survey to committee.

Spot Improvements Update

- All three spot improvements are located on US 33.
- Preliminary engineering completed by Korda along with conceptual designs
- City has met with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 6 on all three intersections
- College Rd @ Petzinger Rd
 - Goal to provide residents east of US 33 access to trail west of US 33.
 - Proposal:
 - Shared-Use path crossing on south side of intersection
 - Refuge island in median with push button
 - Suggestions:
 - Zigzag crossing with limited timing
 - Finish second half on arrow phase
 - Include connection to Winchester Pike down median
 - Will be added to Parking Lot
 - Expected Time Frame:
 - Finish Preliminary Engineering in Fall 2011
 - Finish Detailed Design in Spring 2012
 - Begin Construction in 2012
- Livingston Ave @ Alum Creek Trail
 - Proposal

- Remove slip lane from westbound Livingston Ave to northbound entrance ramp to westbound I-70.
 - Square off northern leg of intersection.
 - Move guide sign from existing refuge island to appropriate location.
 - Refresh cross-walk
 - Check intersection signal time
- Considering a “No Turn on Red” and the potential of a version that is actuated by the pedestrian push button.
- ODOT has offered funds for an interim treatment, suggestions:
 - Add bike crossing sign to Livingston Ave right at intersection
 - Sign at I-70 westbound exit ramp (south leg of intersection) that warns of bike crossing
 - Rumble strips on I-70 westbound exit ramp
 - Suggestion:
 - Also look at other freeway ramps near bike paths in City of Columbus
 - Have a meeting with ODOT to discuss issue
- Dublin Rd @ Urlin Ave
 - Shared-Use Path between Watermark and Urlin, ramps
 - Add Shared-Use Path or shoulder up Urlin a certain distance
 - Will be incorporated into ODOT paving project for 2012.

Action Items:

3. *Add connection from College @ Petzinger spot improvement to Winchester Pike to Parking Lot*
4. *Add connection from Twin River Drive to Scioto Trail to Parking Lot.*

2011 Share the Road Campaign

- Meeting held at North Bank park
 - Tuesday, August 16: 3-5pm
 - Outcomes
 - Be more of an educational resource to community
 - Put educational material in places where people will see it.
 - Make infrastructure more bike friendly.
 - Enforcement of scofflaw cyclists
 - OSU's plan: educate now, enforce later

- Pursue public-private partnerships
- As part of 2 By 2012 initiative: create website for people to go to obtain bicycle training
- Priorities
 - Cyclovia or similar event
 - Promote training opportunities to neighborhood associations
 - Television Public Service Announcements
 - Electronic changeable message boards in high crash areas
 - Traffic check points to distribute safety cards

Action Item:

5. City will forward meeting summary to Committee.

Bikes May Use Full Lane Sign Standards

- Looked at potential criteria for Bikes May Use Full Lane (BMUFL) signs
- Add
 - number of lanes as a criteria
 - Presence of sharrows on road
 - Where there is extreme harassment
 - Lack of street lights
 - Most popular route for cyclists to get from A to B
 - ADT (volume) = bikes or cars
- Remove
 - Nearby bicycle facility (doesn't serve need) as negative factor (should be positive factor) (parallel shouldn't be negative factor)
- Suggestion: Make sure to clearly communicate that these are not the only places where Bikes May Use Full Lane
- Action: Staff send slide to committee
- Comments should be submitted by next meeting
- Construct draft standard that will be vetted through City Attorney's office and coordinated with the State.

Action Items:

6. Staff will send slide with proposed BMUFL criteria to committee.

77 Bike Plan Recommendations

- Have prioritization discussions starting with Education section
- Every committee member will pick one issue to talk about
- DODC = Division of Design and Construction
- DOPO = Division of Planning and Operations

2012 Capital Improvement Budget

- City staff currently working on 2012 Capital Improvement Budget
- Currently bikeways are budgeted at \$2 million, which is the same as last year.
- Lots of design projects are in the works with 6 consultants currently under contract
- Several projects that are ready to be implemented
 - Crews will begin marking sharrows on N High St this Saturday from Morse Rd to the Worthington City limits
 - Also ready to be implemented:
 - Lane Ave sharrows between Olentangy River Road and High St
 - Neil Ave sharrows between Long St and 11th Ave
 - Bryden Rd sharrows between Parsons Ave and Alum Creek Trail

“Parking Lot” Issues

- Items to be added to Parking Lot:
 - Bike connection from College and Petzinger Shared-Use Path crossing to Winchester Pike.
 - Bike connection from Scioto Trail to Twin Rivers Drive.

Other Business:

- “Bike the CBUS” event on Saturday
- Invitation to ride Gahanna Bike Routes

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